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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/774,538	Applicant(s) YAMAMOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner Jason Uhlenhake	Art Unit 2853	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 10 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/26/2004.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 13 - 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Shiraishi (U.S. Pub. 2003/0107609)

The applied reference has a common assignee with the instant application. Based upon the earlier effective U.S. filing date of the reference, it constitutes prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). This rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) might be overcome either by a showing under 37 CFR 1.132 that any invention disclosed but not claimed in the reference was derived from the inventor of this application and is thus not the invention “by another,” or by an appropriate showing under 37 CFR 1.131.

Shiraishi discloses:

- ***regarding claims 13, 19, 21***, an ink feeding rate control method and a data control method based on controlling an ink feeding rate for each of first areas aligned in a printing direction and arranged in correspondence with respective ink keys of an ink feeder in a printing machine (Abstract, Paragraphs 0011, 0071 – 0072),, by comparing measurement information and reference information of color patches (color

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chart) in each first area of respective color used in the printing machine, the color patches printed on a printing paper and aligned in a direction perpendicular to the printing direction;

- determining a first average of proportions of image areas to the respective first areas for each color; (Paragraph 0078)

- determining a second average of proportions of image areas to respective second areas for each color, the second areas aligned in the printing direction and arranged in correspondence with the respective color patches (Paragraph 0078)

- correcting one of the reference information and the measurement information regarding the color patches in each first area based on the first and second averages for each color (Abstract, 0011, 0013, 0080 - 0085)

- **regarding claims 14, 18, 22**, wherein the measurement information of the color patches comprises densities of said detecting patches, and the reference information comprises reference densities (Abstract, Paragraphs 0081 – 0083, 0104)

- **regarding claim 15**, wherein one of the reference information and the measurement information is corrected by using a correction factor obtained empirically (Paragraphs 0011, 0013, 0081 – 0083)

- **regarding claim 16**, wherein a corrected value of one of the reference information and the measurement information is stored from time to time, one of the reference information and the measurement information being corrected in time of subsequent printing process by using said corrected value stored (Paragraphs 0076 – 0077, 0087)

- **regarding claim 17**, a printing machine having an image recorder for recording images on a printing plate based on image data (Paragraph 0011)
- **regarding claim 20**, the measurement information of the color patches comprises densities of the color patches (Abstract, Paragraphs 0081 – 0083, 0104)
- **regarding claim 23 and claim 24**, wherein the measurement information and the reference information are used for at least one of ink feeding rate control and dampening water feeding rate control in the printing machine (Abstract, Paragraphs 0011, 0071 – 0072)

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 5/24/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Shairaishi discloses in each region, an average color value for R (Red), G (Green), B (Blue) components is numerically converted into the L*a*b color coordinate system (first average of proportions of image area). Next, in each width region of ink key, an additional average of the numerical values in the color coordinate system are calculated for the regions r1 – r4 each extending in the printing direction (second average of proportion of image areas). (Paragraph 0078)

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

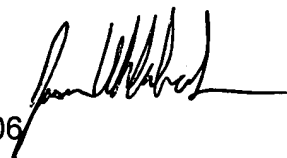
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Uhlenhake whose telephone number is (571) 272-5916. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Meier can be reached on (571) 272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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